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presence of thermally expandable microspheres and in the presence of an additional blowing agent, said microspheres containing a hydrocarbon.--

*A3*  
Page 8, please delete the paragraph starting at line 14, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

--A blowing agent is added to the system, which may either be an exothermic or endothermic blowing agent, or a combination of both. Most preferably however, an endothermic blowing agent is added.--

*A3*  
Page 13, please delete line 21, and replace it with the following new line:

--Example 4 (comparative)--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

*Sub 51*  
*A4*  
(Amended) Process for the preparation of foamed thermoplastic polyurethanes wherein the foaming of the thermoplastic polyurethane is carried out in the presence of thermally expandable microspheres and in the presence of an additional blowing agent, said microspheres containing a hydrocarbon.

*Sub 51*  
*A5*  
(Amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein an endothermic blowing agent is present.